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## MILITARY LANDS AWARD.

### Strong Protest by Unofficials.

### "ARBITRARY AND IRREGULAR".

### Suggested Arbitration by Lord Parmoor.

The Military Lands question advanced a further stage at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, when the Hon. Colonial Secretary moved a resolution approving the acceptance of Sir John Oakley's award and recommending that steps be taken to give effect to it as soon as possible.

A pointed speech was made by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, on behalf of all the Unofficial members, in which it was stated that the Unofficials assented to the award under protest. Mr. Pollock further contended that the action of the War Office in not abiding by the terms of the 1922 local award was both arbitrary and irregular, and suggested that this matter be referred for arbitration to Lord Parmoor, who is Lord President of the Council in the Labour Government.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock said:—*Mr. DeMott, 1914, A.C. 1056* Sir.—I have been asked by my Unofficial colleagues to address the Council upon the resolution of the Government moved by the Government for the acceptance of Sir John Oakley's award, and what I am about to say represents the considered views of all of us. In his address to this Council on the 7th ultimo, Mr. Fletcher showed that this Colony was, on Sir John Oakley's figures, making by no means a good bargain, having regard to the probable loss of very many years' interest in the laying out and disposal of all the military lands, proposed to be taken over, and owing to the boom price of land during Sir John Oakley's visit here. Accordingly, whilst we are not prepared to dissent from the proposed resolution, we desire to lay the following matters before the Government in order to see whether it may not be possible to obtain some alleviation from the heavy figures set down in Sir John Oakley's award—figures which were arrived at on the very crest of a tremendous land boom, a boom far exceeding in intensity anything of the kind previously experienced in this Colony.

#### THE COLONY'S OBLIGATION.

The first point which we desire to make in support of our above plea of alleviation, is that a large proportion of these lands, which we are now seeking to take over, were conveyed to the Military in the early days of this Colony, as a free gift, and solely for military purposes. Under such circumstances, it appears clear that, upon the legal authorities relating to compensation, the Colony is under no obligation whatever to do anything more than to *reimburse* the military; that is to say, to provide the same number of officers and men with equally good accommodation on new sites. In *Cripps on Compensation*, 5th Edition (1905) at p. 118, the legal principle applicable to such a case is stated as follows:—"Such a sum is assessed as will enable the owner to replace the premises or lands taken by premises or lands which would be to him of the same value." And in the case of *London School Board v. South Eastern Railway Company*, 3 T.L.R. 710 (where land required by a School Board for the purpose of building a school, had been taken compulsorily) *Jessel, M.R.* said:—"The school ought not either to gain or lose by acquiring a new site."

#### MILITARY "GAINS".

Applying the latter words to the present case, it may be pointed out that inasmuch as the cost of re-provisioning the displaced military officers and men cannot conceivably exceed ten million dollars at the very outside, the Military would, on the Oakley valuation, "gain" a very great deal "in acquiring a new site." It may also be pointed out incidentally that the Military authorities will also gain considerably in having new buildings in the place of old ones.

Reference may also be made on the above point to the modern Privy Council case of *Corrie*

the present instance, for not adhering to the same interpretation of the Circular Despatch, is that the present transaction was too important to be governed by a valuation arrived at locally.

"ARBITRARY AND IRREGULAR".

With deference, such a reason seems to us to be an inadequate one for departing from figures which were carefully arrived at, after full investigation and inquiry, and with special knowledge of local conditions, between the Colonial Government and the local Military authorities; and we, therefore, regard the subsequent action of the War Office in forcing this Colony (in defiance of the above-quoted words of the Circular Despatch, and notwithstanding the absence of any disagreement between the local Colonial and Military Authorities as to the valuation of the lands,) to lay its case before an "independent and competent surveyor," as *unfair*, as being both arbitrary and irregular.

Such arbitrary action by the War Office threatens to involve this Colony in the payment of over 5½ million dollars extra, (i.e. \$17,000,000) out of our funds, and will make a serious extra inroad on our financial resources, depriving us of almost all the reserves which we have been accumulating for some years past.

#### ARBITRATION SUGGESTED.

The Unofficial Members of this Council cannot view such a state of affairs with equanimity, especially having regard to the heavy commitments which lie before us in the near future of some million of pounds on the Fitzmaurice Harbour Scheme and seventeen to eighteen million dollars on the Shing Mun Waterworks scheme, besides other large expenditure for reclamation and building and general development to meet the urgent needs of a rapidly increasing population.

Fortunately a very simple, reasonable, and effective remedy lies to hand, namely, the reference of the above two points to some high legal authority on compensation law, and, in this connection, we would venture to suggest that Lord Parmoor would be a most suitable arbitrator, if he would kindly consent to act.

#### RESERVED AREAS.

Two more points remain to be dealt with:—

(1) It is most serious from the Colony's point of view that the Military is to reserve considerable areas which have the effect of cutting off one part of the military lands which it is suggested that we should resume from the other part, thereby rendering those lands much more difficult to develop, on the best and most paying lines, e.g. by driving roads parallel to the Queen's Road. The reserved areas in question are the Detention Barracks (the western part of which is badly required for the much needed widening of Garden Road) and the Head Quarter House and grounds, and the married quarters etc. to the south of such grounds. These reserved areas were valued by Sir John Oakley at a little over three million dollars.

As regards the Detention Barracks, we understand that whilst they are temporarily being retained as a possible site for Head Quarter Offices, the Military Authorities have expressed their willingness that such offices should be built on some other part, near Head Quarter House, of the Military Lands which are not included in Sir John Oakley's award.

(2) Next there is a point which we should like to have cleared up, in connection with recital (i) in Sir John Oakley's award which states that "if during the period of ten years from the date of completion of the transfer unforeseen circumstances shall in the opinion of the Army Council render it desirable or expedient to withdraw any one or more complete block or lot or blocks of lots, then and in such event only the Army Council shall be free and at liberty to

## PIRATED LAUNCH.

### FOUND NEAR MACAO.

#### NO NEWS OF CREW.

Reports that the pirated Sham-shuipo launch *Kwong Shun* has been recovered received confirmation on enquiries at Police Headquarters this morning.

Yesterday a tele-gram was received from Macao to the effect that the *Kwong Shun* was in the hands of the Macao authorities, having been found by patrol launches abandoned at Sham-shuipo, twenty-five miles from Cone Island. There is no news of the crew.

She had been repainted white, whilst the funnels are painted black. She was taken back to Macao, and latest advice state that she will be returned to Hongkong to-day.

There is still a dearth of information in regard to the doings of the pirates. Letters continue to be received by relatives of the captives asking for ransom.

## HOME FOOTBALL.

### CUP-TIE REPLAYS.

London, March 12. The replays in the English Cup resulted in Manchester City defeating Cardiff by one goal to nil, and Burnley winning over Swindon by three goals to one. In the semi-finals, Manchester City will meet Newcastle at Birmingham, whilst Burnley will meet Aston Villa at Sheffield.

Scottish Cup replays resulted in Ayr and Airdrieonians playing a goalless draw, and Partick and Hibernians drawing with one goal each.

The draw for the semi final round of the Scottish Cup Competition is as follows:—Aberdeen v. Hibernians or Partick at Dundee; Falkirk v. Ayr or Airdrieonians at Celtic Park, Glasgow. The matches will be played on March 22nd.

In the English League, Chelsea and West Bromwich played a goalless draw, Aston Villa beat the Arsenal by one to nil, and Bolton defeated Liverpool by four to one.

In the Scottish League, Hamilton defeated Aberdeen by three to nil, and Falkirk defeated Third Lanark by four to one. *Reuter.*

withdraw such one or more complete block or lot of blocks or lots." We should like some assurance that the above recital is only intended to cover unforeseen circumstances rendering it necessary, as a matter of military urgency for the defence of this Colony, that that clause should be brought into force.

#### ASSENT UNDER PROTEST.

In conclusion, whilst we are driven by sheer force of circumstances (i.e. by this Colony's urgent need owing to the great increase of population and the consequent necessity for more room for residential and commercial expansion, for the removal of the Military Forces from the most central positions in the heart of the City of Victoria and the Kowloon Peninsula) to assent to the acceptance of Sir John Oakley's award, we do so under protest because we feel that the first two points, suggested by us, ought to be referred to arbitration.

We would add that there appears to be no reason why such a reference should, in any way, either delay the carrying out of any of the agreed transfers of military lands or the selection of some site other than the Detention Barracks for the erection of Head Quarter Offices.

(Debate continued on Page 12.)

## MOTOR SMASH.

### Police Sergeant Sues Garage.

### DAMAGES FOR WIFE'S INJURIES.

The story of a collision between a motor cycle and side car, owned and driven by Police Sgt. F. T. James, and a motor car belonging to the Moor Garage, of 405, Queen's Road West, was told in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, this morning. A claim for \$677 was made jointly by Sergeant James and his wife, \$157 being for damage done to the motor cycle and sidecar, \$200 being for doctor's fees, and \$300 being for compensation for shock and general damages sustained by Mrs. James.

In the particulars of claim it was alleged that on September 14th, last, Sergeant James, who is in charge of the Aberdeen Police Station, was driving his motor cycle and side car on the road between Stanley and Repulse Bay at a speed of between four and five miles per hour. He was proceeding along a portion of the road which was partially blocked by earth. He had entered the narrow portion of road, about six feet wide, when motor car No. 623 came from the opposite direction at a speed of about 25 miles per hour on the wrong side of the road. No warning signal was sounded. Although plaintiff accelerated his machine and turned into the fallen earth, the motor car struck the sidecar with the result that the cycle and side car were badly damaged, Mrs. James sustained a contused bruise on the forehead and slight concussion of the brain and general shock from which she had not yet fully recovered.

Mr. Corbett appeared for plaintiff and Mr. F. S. Vaux for defendant Company.

Opening the case, Mr. Corbett said it arose out of an accident which occurred on September 15th last year on the road from Stanley to Repulse Bay. Sgt. James had just entered a narrow neck caused by a fall of earth when No. 623, owned by defendants, came at a very fast pace and although Sgt. James did all in his power to avoid a collision by running into the mound of earth, the sidecar was struck and smashed.

Sgt. James gave a detailed account of the accident and added that he bought the car in February, 1923, for \$1,000 and sold it in January, 1924, for \$500.

Cross-examined:—The neck was 6 feet 7 inches in its narrowest part. The car was of a type which could not be driven slowly.

Mr. Vaux:—It was quite good at going fast?—Yes, in spite of its age.

Mr. Vaux:—I put it to you that the car came to a stop in the middle of the neck?

Witness:—Emphatically, no. Mr. Vaux:—I put it to you that you stopped four or five feet in front of the car and that in fact there was no collision at all?—No.

Dr. Koch said that Mrs. James was brought to him suffering from slight bruises, slight concussion, and a slight degree of shock. Mrs. James still complained of pains in the side of the head and these might conceivably be due to the accident.

Mrs. James, in the box, said she was unable to describe what happened. She still suffered from pains in the head.

Mr. Vaux submitted that he had no case to answer. The plaintiffs had made no attempt to prove that the car was the property of the Moor Garage. Even if he admitted it, they had to prove that the driver was engaged on his master's business. It was immaterial whether the driver was using his master's property with or without his permission.

Mr. Corbett was allowed to recall Sgt. James, who stated that he interviewed the driver's employer who told him that the

## ABOLITION OF LIKIN.

### POWERS TO CONFER AT PEKING.

#### PROVINCES OUT OF CONTROL.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 12. In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. Hannon suggested that in the interests of British exporters the British Legation at Peking should be instructed to co-operate with the other Legations to ensure ratification of Article Eight of the Manchu Treaty.

Mr. Ponsonby replied that if Mr. Hannon referred to the fact of this article, providing for the abolition of *likin*, not having been carried out by the Chinese authorities, he could assure him that His Majesty's Government were fully alive to the importance of the matter. They were at present consulting His Majesty's Minister at Peking with regard to the best means of dealing with the question at a special conference to be held in pursuance of the Nine-Power customs treaty, but it must be realised that great difficulties existed owing to the present disorganised conditions in China and the Central Government's lack of control over many of the provincial authorities.

### BRITISH STEAMER SEIZED.

### ALLEGED LANDING OF LIQUOR AND DRUGS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 12. Government agents have seized the Royal Mail steamer *Orduna* on a charge of violation of the customs prohibition and narcotic laws. Eight persons have been arrested, including the chief steward. The affair is connected with the seizure of ten thousand dollars worth of whisky and morphine, alleged to have been landed by members of the crew of the ship.

The *Orduna* has been placed in custody of the Treasury depot guards, but is unloading her cargo uninterruptedly. It is stated that forfeiture proceedings are to be brought immediately.

## GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

### LADY STUBBS' VISIT TO PEKING.

Lady Stubbs, accompanied by Miss Robina Addis and Mr. Gaillard St. Lawrence, left in the R. M. S. *Empress of Asia* this morning on a short visit to Peking. On her way through, Lady Stubbs will open a Ministering Children's League Bazaar in Shanghai on Saturday, 15th March.

Lady Stubbs and party return to Hongkong in the *s.s. Khyber*, which is due on Saturday, 5th April.

On Thursday night His Excellency will be present at the Band Concert to be given at the City Hall.

On Friday afternoon, His Excellency, attended by Captain R. Neville, A. D. C., will attend the Right Reverend Bishop of Victoria's Reception at the City Hall.

On Friday 21st March and on Monday 24th March, His Excellency will entertain a number of Chinese residents to dinner at Government House.

On Friday 23rd March, His Excellency, attended by Captain R. Neville, A. D. C., will be present at the dinner given by the Members of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of the retirement of His Honour Sir William Rees Davies.

car had been out to take passengers round the island.

Kam Hui-fuk, the driver of the car, said he was travelling at about seven miles per hour as he approached the mound of earth. He saw no traffic until he was in the middle of the neck, when the motor cycle appeared at the other end, doing about 14 miles per hour. Witness stopped his car dead and the motorcycle mounted the earth in an endeavour to pass. Plaintiff stopped about four feet away and there was no collision whatever. When both had come to a standstill, witness was spoken to by the sergeant and then drove out of the neck and turned round.

A read coolie said he was walking to the mound from the Repulse Bay Hotel when the car passed him at a slow pace. He saw it enter the narrow part of the road and saw it stop when the motor cycle ran into the mound. There was no collision.

The case is proceeding as we go to press.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong" Telegraph.)

### Some Suggestions.

Sir,—In view of the fact that the new Government regulations appear to be about as successful in stopping piracy as throwing a handful of blanchonage at an express train with the idea of stopping it, the writer suggests the formation of a civilian organisation to guard various points in the Colony. Judging from the recent Samsuipo ferry affair, we may expect to awaken one day and find Government House looted and H. E. the Governor held for ransom!

Owing to local conditions, it might be advisable to break up this organisation into various divisions, according to standing, similar to what was done during the recent "Unpleasant Disturbance in France"—i.e. the Artists' Rifles, etc. The following suggestions may be worth considering:—

1. "The Princely Hong" would doubtless claim the right to guard Government House.
2. In view of the fact that the Navy has its hands tied, the Easma Club would surely provide a detachment to guard the Hawkins and/or the Navy Yard so as to ensure our Admiral remaining with us.
3. Peak residents might stoop to conveying the Peak train.
4. The Kowloon Residents' Association would probably be pleased to "stand by" the Star Ferry.
5. Without doubt, willing volunteers could be found to guard the Golf Clubhouses at Fanling and Deep Water Bay (especially during office hours).
6. One supposes that the Club could be persuaded to provide a platoon (or even a company) willing to ensure the safety of such strategic points as the premises of Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte, Watson's, Caldbeck McGregors, etc.

In conclusion, the writer wishes to put on record that he is not striving for an O.B.E. and presents the above suggestions merely for the good of the community.

Yours dependently,

JURGEN

Hongkong, March 11th, 1924.

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### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

#### THE VATICAN.

London, March 12.

The *Daily Express* publishes the terms of an alleged agreement settling the dispute between the Pope and the Italian Government. The terms provide for the surrender of the whole of Vatican Hill to the Vatican, which at present only holds a part. This gives the hill the status of an independent country. The Government will build at its own expense a palace or series of houses for the accommodation of the College of Cardinals, and the Holy See will hand over the scattered properties where the Cardinals are at present housed. The Pope's independence will be guaranteed by the League of Nations.—*Reuter*.

#### AMERICA'S NEW PARTY.

S. Paul, Minn., March 12.

The "third party" movement has assumed more definite shape, and as a consequence, the delegates of eight States are calling a National Convention for June 17, to nominate a candidate for the Presidency, and to adopt a national platform. Senator La Follette is prominently mentioned as the Presidential nominee.—*Reuter's American Service*.

#### THE SINGAPORE BASE.

London, March 12.

The announcement of the Government's decision not to proceed with the Singapore base is expected to-morrow, when Lord Balfour will also raise the question in the House of Lords.—*Reuter*.

#### FRENCH ELECTIONS.

Paris, March 12.

There is reason to believe that the Government is considering postponement of the elections for six months or a year, in view of the alleged offensive against the franc. It is reported that President Millerand favours the idea.—*Reuter*.

#### BOMBAY MILL STRIKE.

Bombay, March 12.

The enquiry committee's report in connection with the mill strike on 12th February says that the profit and loss account of the mills for 1923 justified the mill-owners' decision not to pay a bonus.—*Reuter*.

#### BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS.

London, March 12.

The Board of Trade returns for February show imports £96,705,000 and exports £67,974,000, a decrease of £4,553,000 and an increase of £3,739,000 respectively, compared with January.—*Reuter*.

#### THE UTAH MINE TRAGEDY.

Castle Gate, Utah, March 12.

There are 113 bodies so far recovered, but it seems definitely certain that 173 perished.—*Reuter's American Service*.

#### ST STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

##### FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS.

Yesterday afternoon, past and present pupils of St. Stephen's College took part in the celebration held to commemorate Founders' Day. The function was in the form of a sports programme, and was held at the Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway Bay. During intervals of the sports programme the band of the East Surrey Regiment played pleasing selections.

In view of the object of the meeting, which was purely social, it must be very gratifying to the Committee to have noticed the large gathering present, who showed their appreciation of the Committee's efforts to promote a closer relationship between past and present pupils by the interest they took in the proceedings. There were nine events on the programme, all attracting many competitors. The most interesting events were perhaps the Ladies' Nomination races, one of which was run off under original conditions. Blindfolded, each male competitor raced towards the winning post, guided by his lady partner, who led him by strings tied to his arms.

At the end of the sports the prizes were distributed by Miss Rose Lau, who was afterwards presented with a bouquet in a handsome silver vase.

Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, Chairman of the Committee, thanked all those who had helped to make the sports a success, particularly Messrs. Lo Kwan-in and Li Ho-tung.

#### BILLIARDS.

##### COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW.

The draw, dates, and arrangements, for the Colony Championship, were given out last night, and, briefly, are as follows:

1st Round: F. C. Kwok, bye.  
Game 1.—C. N. Tang v. P. S. Leong, to be played on Mar. 24th.  
Game 2.—Ho Shing-cheung v. R. Lau, March 25th.  
Game 3.—E. D. da Rosa v. T. Yik, March 26th.  
Game 4.—Major Gandy v. K. K. Leong, March 27th.  
Game 5.—C. Earnshaw v. H. C. Balchin, March 28th.  
Game 6.—E. W. Spry v. P. Yvanovitch, March 31st.  
L. A. Osmond, bye.

In the second round, Kwok meets winner of game No. 1 on April 1st; winners of games No. 2 and 3 meet on the 2nd; winners of games 4 and 5 on the 3rd; and winners of games 6 and 7 on the 4th. The semi-finals are due for the 7th and 8th of April; the date of the final to be notified later.

The games will be of 800 points in the preliminary rounds, and 1000 points in the semi-finals and final.

In each case they will be played in two sections, to commence at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. respectively.

#### HOME FOOTBALL.

London, March 12.—Glasgow

Rangers beat Heart of Midlothian yesterday by 1 goal to nil.—*Reuter*.

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#### NOTICE.

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Members intending to invite guests are requested to notify Mr. C. Chao, Asia Banking Corporation, or the undersigned.

H. C. HUNT,  
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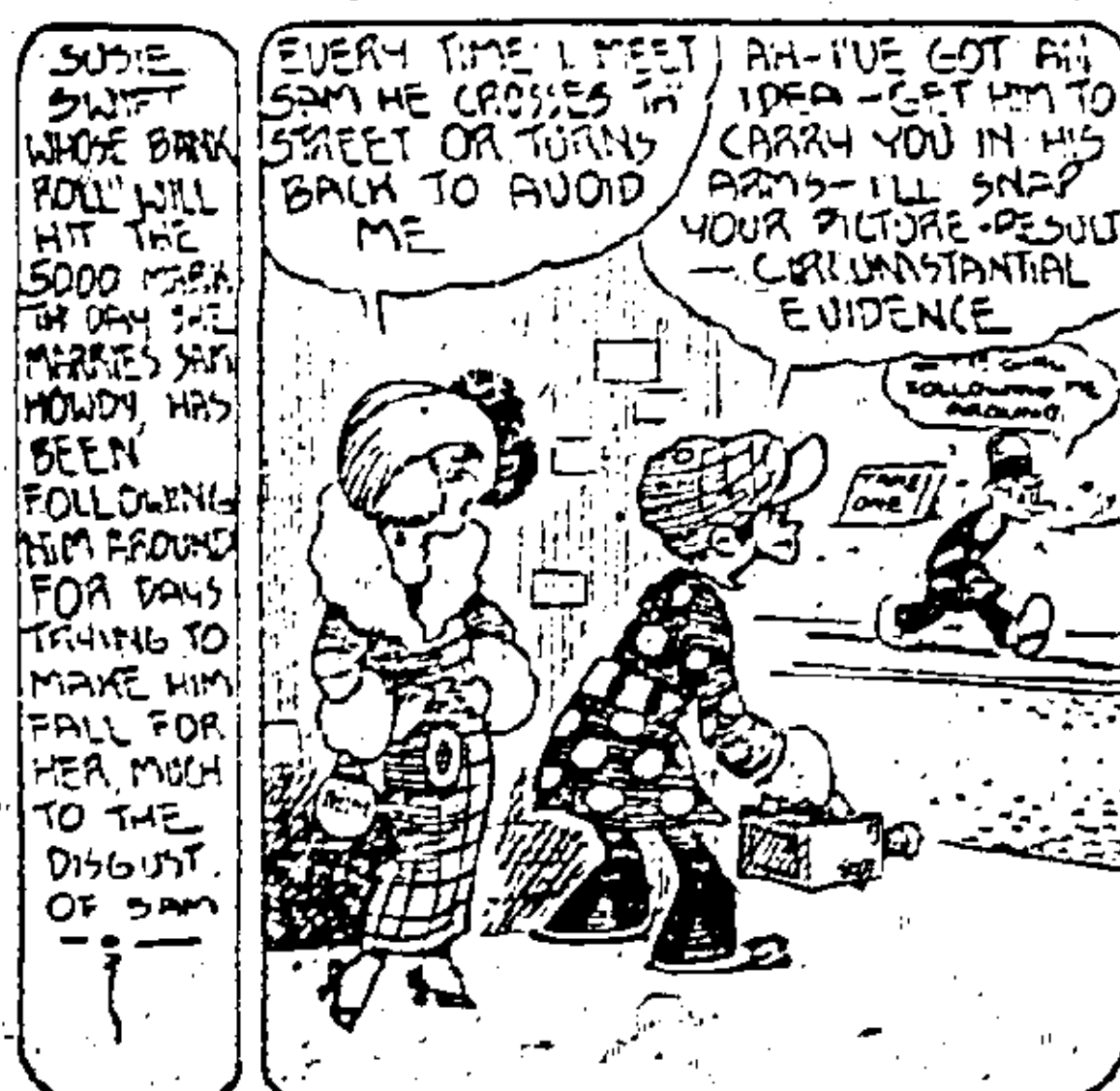
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## Notes From Eastern Waters.

We were in the Red Sea, and I was looking at a group of Chinese fishermen spr-wled on the after hatch, and wondering where in England a chance group of workers could be found to match those fine bronze figures, when a ray of coloured light flashed over them and focussed on a davis. It was an unfamiliar bird, and I began to stalk it with binoculars, while it changed its perches about the poop, till it was made out to be a bee-eater. Then I found the chief mate was behind me, intent also with his binoculars. We had some bickering about it. He said the bird was a roller; but I told him he should stick to his chipping hammer and leave ornithology to better men.

He said he would soon show me who was the better man, and escorted me the length of the ship to his cabin, where he produced a bird book, which was a log of several long voyages to the Far East. Like so many sailors to-day, he knew more than I did about several subjects which we landmen think are certainly not the business of sailors at all. He had been entering the names of land birds which he had recognised at sea, and his record suggested what an excellent book a sailor, who is also a naturalist, may write for us some day.

This sailor had observed for himself, what naturalists know well enough, that the gulls are not sea-birds at all in the sense that are the albatrosses and petrels, and the frigate and booby birds of the tropics. When you see them land is near, though dirty weather may hide it. The herring gulls, kittiwakes, and black-backs never follow a ship to blue water. When, outward-bound, land dissolves astern, then they leave you, too. You may meet their fellows again off Ushant or Finisterre if your ship passes not too far from the land; but should you be well to the westward, then the ship's next visitors will be land-birds when approaching Gibraltar.

Several pairs of noddies kept about the ship at the lower end of the Red Sea, and not, because of anything we could give them except our society. They did not beg astern like hungry gulls, for scraps, but wheeled about the bows, or manoeuvred close abeam like swallows at play. As a fact, I think they were tired and wanted to rest. Once or twice they alighted on our bulwarks and went through some astonishing aerial acrobatics while their tiny webbed feet sought the awkward perch.

## A TEMPORARY PET.

After sundown one actually tried to alight on my head, while I stood in the dusk on the captain's bridge, watching its evolutions. It swerved and stooped so unexpectedly that I ducked, as one used to at the sound of one going over. But soon it alighted behind me and it made no more fuss about being picked up than though it were a rag. It was only a little sick, but not over that, and settled down on the palm of my hand.

A group of shipmates were feeding fox-trot records to a gramophone below on a hatch, where lamps made the deck bright. Down went the noddy and I to them. Our visitor cocked an eye at the gramophone and took quiet stock of the men who came round to stroke it. It accepted us all as quietly as though it had known us for years, and this was the usual routine.

It heard its mate later, or else our musical records were not to its taste, for it shook itself disconsolately, waddled a little, and projected itself into the night.

One night, when nearing the Laccadive Islands, in the Indian Ocean, the surgeon brought to my cabin another visitor. It was a petrel, about the size of a blackbird, and of a uniform dark chocolate colour. We could not identify it, and judged we had a rarity; there was a brief hint of chloroform, which was immediately dismissed, for Captain Collister, of the s.s. Helenus, might have objected to any modern version of the Ancient Mariner's crime on his ship, even in the name of science. We enjoyed our guest in life till it was pleased to leave us.

Later, Mr. Moulton, of the Raffles Museum at Singapore, showed me a rarity, one of the six specimens taken of Swinhoe's Fork-tailed Petrel. Our little friend of the Indian Ocean was at once recognised and named, and his visit to our liner added something to our knowledge of his kind, for it was unknown that

## AMERICAN'S POLO TALENT.

## Prospects for This Season.

New York:—America's chance of retaining the International Polo Cup in the challenge match with the Hurlingham Club at Meadowbrook, Westbury, Long Island, has had a slump as the result of the announcement that Louis Stoddard, the veteran number one has retired and that Louis Lacey and David Miles, of the Argentine Federation, will probably be candidates for the British team.

Stoddard, who has been president of the United States Polo Association for two years, said that he had retired principally to give an incentive to the younger men in the game, but he had also considered the injuries he has received in recent years and the need of attention to business.

He is regarded as one of the greatest forwards in the game and a fixture whenever America puts forward her best side.

His loss may mean a shake up of the three remaining players, Deverux Wilburn, Tommy Hitchcock and J. W. Webb, who brought the cup from Hurlingham in 1921, as there was talk of moving Webb from number three to numbers one, and leaving his position to be contested by some younger players such as the two Belmonts, Morgan and Raymond, Malcolm Stevenson and Robert Strawbridge, junior. Anyhow the Association will not be embarrassed for lack of material, since in Major A. L. Wilson, of the army four, which won the International Military Championship, one of the best forwards now riding could be used, and Major Louis Beard, a star back, could replace Webb.

he was likely to be found so far to the westward. One great surprise of the tropical islands of the East Indies is the scarcity of sea-birds. Those lonely islands in seas where gales are unknown, and food is abundant, appear to be a paradise for gulls. But there are no gulls. One may watch more sea-birds off Lundy any morning in June than I saw in months of travel in the Malay Archipelago.—H. M. Tomlinson in *Ex.*

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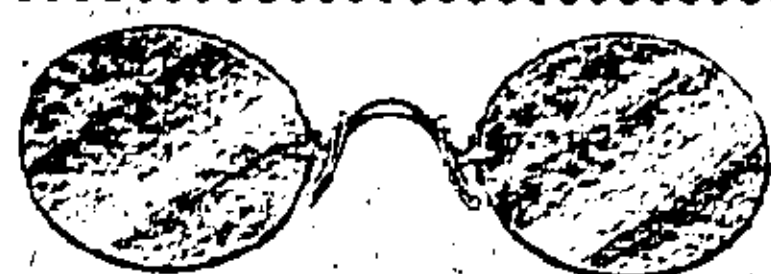
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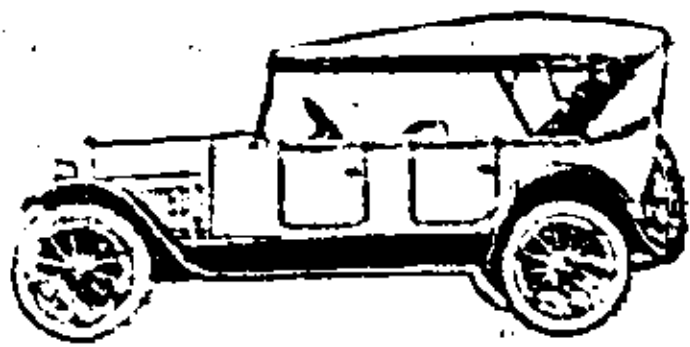






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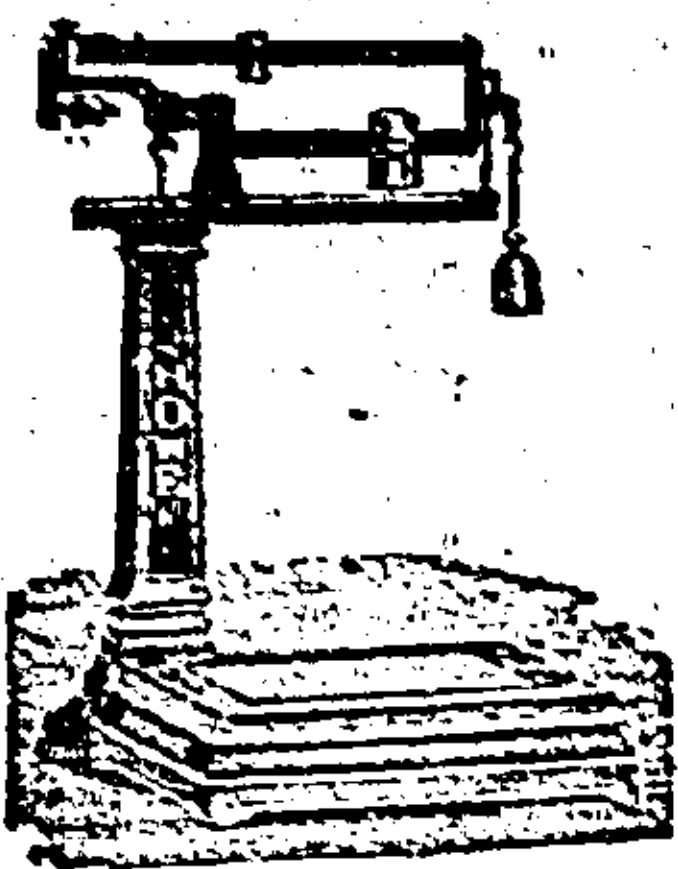
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### THE NEXT WAR.

This is indeed a world of paradoxes. Whilst statesmen are debating the best means of effecting international disarmament to such an extent as to make future armed conflicts doubtful, inventors are busily engaged in their laboratories making deadlier devices of war. Many of the weapons of the World War appear already to have become almost as old-fashioned and obsolete as the blunderbuss. We read a few days ago that in the United States there has been perfected a bomb weighing no less than four thousand pounds, to be carried by aeroplane. This is some ten times as big as the largest bomb used in the Great War. It contains a ton of high explosives, and is capable of making a crater in the ground nearly sixty feet deep and a hundred and fifty feet across. Another recent invention is an armoured caterpillar tractor with a speed of thirty miles an hour, which will go up a forty-five degree slope easily and can travel through water up to the driver's chin. The famous French "75" is said to have been eclipsed by a new gun of the same calibre, but with twice the range. Shoulder machine-guns are taking the place of regular rifles. They fire bullets four times as heavy and send them three times as far as the Browning gun. Poison gases have been perfected since the Armistice which are many times more deadly than the worst gases used on the Western Front during the war.

These are only a few of the things which have been brought to a higher pitch of perfection since the great struggle in Europe. They are sufficient to give serious thought to the fact that whilst some people are striving to prevent another Armageddon, others are toiling to bring out new devices for the destruction of their fellow-men. If there be a "next war," we may safely count on its being frightful beyond imagination—far more so even than that great struggle in which so many of our young men were maimed or laid down their lives. We should like to think that these inventors of new war devices are really

helping the cause of peace. They may well be. For surely the terrible machinery of war which is now being made more deadly still will result in the leaders of civilisation realising that a fresh armed conflict would be too awful to contemplate. The thought of what could happen if modern warfare became possible should be sufficient to make humanity decide that international peace must on no account be disturbed.

### Fire-Traps.

The case of a Shanghai flat being burned down, with terrible loss of life, caused by the barred windows and inadequate means of exit, draws attention to the awful conditions in which hundreds of thousands of poor people live in Chinese cities; even where foreign influence exists: even in the British Colony of Hongkong. We have certain factory laws here, but there is still much overcrowding, and real "sweat-shop" conditions. We know of several small spinning establishments in Hongkong where as many as a dozen girls crowd into a small room and put in a long day—not a mere eight-hour one—for small wages. That, however, is more a problem for social reform. What the Shanghai case emphasises is the danger of old-fashioned Chinese tenements, such as exist all over this Colony. Worked like animals, paid a bare living wage, there are large numbers of our population who also live like animals. Imagine their position in the top floor of a tenement, perhaps herded in a small cubicle, with iron-barred windows, and the only means of "escape" in case of a fire a single, narrow, rickety wooden stairway. One of these days there will be a big blaze here, when the loss of life at Shanghai might be paralleled, and then perhaps the whole system of fire-traps, for it is sheer luck that has prevented a huge conflagration sweeping long ere this, right through our slum areas.

### Dark Days.

We fancy we can understand the hesitancy of the authorities in dealing with this tenement menace—it would require wholesale reconstruction of the city to make it safe. That would be a matter of many years and of many millions of dollars. It would also affect tens of thousands of poorer-class Chinese, who live under the appalling conditions they do merely because they cannot possibly afford other, better, accommodation. As it is, there is always the sword of Damocles hanging over their heads in the guise of rapacious landlords. So that what with the ever increasing economic struggle and the ever-present menace of destruction by fire, the lot of these poor people is a truly terrible one. When we attempt to look ahead a mere decade, we visualise a population of well over two million Chinese clamouring for houses, and for higher wages to meet soaring prices and rents. We also naturally visualise an increase in crime, and consequently bigger burdens on the law-abiding taxpayer to meet the cost of combating disorder. That might be looking on the dark side of things, but it is not a matter of impossible imaginings. The trouble is that there is so much to do, so little done, and so little that can now be done to make up the leeway that has been lost.

### EVENTS IN HONDURAS.

Washington, March 12. The death of President Gutierrez was announced yesterday, and the consequent increased activities of revolutionary factions left Honduras for the time being without a Government. Diplomatic representatives succeeded in arranging a seventy-one hour armistice. — *Reuter's American Service.*

### U.S. ARMY BILL.

Washington, March 12. The U. S. Army Appropriation Bill contemplates an expenditure of 16,224,000 dollars less than last year. It recommends the maintenance of the regular army at its present strength. — *Reuter's American Service.*

### DAY BY DAY.

HEAVEN OFTEN REGULATES EFFECTS BY THEIR CAUSES.—*Corneille.*

Dr. Sun Yat-sen is stated to have decided to increase his personal bodyguard from 200 men to 1,000, these to be commanded by a Lieutenant General.

Poultry dealers in Canton threaten to strike if the syndicate which has obtained privileges from the Yunnanese commander begin to levy taxes on the sale of birds.

Rules made by the Chief Justice under Section 5 of the Judgments (Facilities for Enforcement) Ordinance of 1921 were laid before the Legislative Council this afternoon.

For having two rounds of ammunition, a Chinese named Lee Woo who stated that he was visiting the Colony, was given the order to pay a fine of \$100 or to undergo two months' hard labour.

A fire which broke out last night destroyed a matchbox belonging to a building contractor in Tung Chau Street at Shamshui-po. There were cement and lime stored in the structure, and the damage inflicted is assessed at \$250.

After a violent domestic quarrel, a young Chinese woman yesterday jumped into the harbour from the Shamshui-po ferry Wharf. She was rescued but was removed to hospital later suffering from the effects of the immersion.

The Hongkong cricketers who are visiting Singapore next month will leave Hongkong on the Fook Sang on April 1, and are due to arrive at their destination on April 7. Their visit will last until the 19th, when they leave for Hongkong on the Ho Sang.

The Bishop of Victoria and members of the Victoria Diocesan Association are to be at home at the City Hall to-morrow afternoon to meet Bishop Graves of Shanghai and Bishop Norris of Peking. Tea will be served, and the Surrey's band will be present.

K. Keith was sent to prison for one month by Mr. J.R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, when a charge of desertion from the House of Detention was proved. Keith told the Magistrate that he had found someone who would support him, and had then thought it would not be necessary to return to the house. His Worship said accused should have returned to notify the warder before staying away.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Empress of Asia this morning were Lady Stubbs, Miss R. Addis, Capt. and Mrs. Leslie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Chubb, Mr. and Mrs. R. Roxburgh, Mrs. G. M. Dalgety, Mrs. Henry Humphreys, Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Capt. P. H. Rolfe, Mr. E. R. Dovey, Mr. George Hogg and Mr. D. L. King.

Feline, alluring, tigerish, lovable, reckless—these are among sharply contrasted adjectives that come into the mind when seeking to describe Pola Negri as she portrays Carmen in "Gypsy Blood," the remarkable film version of Prosper Merimee's novel which will be screened at the Coronet Theatre for the last time this evening. With Pola Negri's passionate acting alone, "Gypsy Blood" stands forth an unusual picture, but it has the further claims of lavish setting and singularly appropriate music from the opera.

We presume that even lacrosse enthusiasts will have observed that Mr. Wingrave in his letter on that sport, which appeared in our issue of yesterday, was not appropriating to himself any undue "popularity," but was the victim of one of those imps of perversity that sometimes break through the best defences of printers and cause the most unexpected transposition of words. The reference intended was of course to the "popular sport," and not "popular me"—but if this "Bull" has given a turn of humour to the discussion, we trust it will also serve to draw further attention to Mr. Wingrave's appeal to all who are interested in the fine Canadian national game.

### FRANCIS FIRMER.

#### Credit Arranged in London.

London, March 12. The improvement in the franc, which is now 103, is attributed partly to the arrangement in London of acceptance of a credit of five millions sterling in favour of the French Government. This credit, in which a number of leading London Banks and financial houses are participating, will run for twelve months and be covered by the deposit of National Defence Bonds, and be backed by a guarantee of the Bank of France. — *Reuter.*

London, March 12. The French franc has steadily appreciated to 102.90 and closed at 103.37. Belgian francs rallied to 120.75 and closed at 125.25. — *Reuter.*

New York, March 12. American bankers, headed by Morgan's, have established a credit of a hundred million dollars in favour of the Banque de France. The French loan is fully secured by gold in the vaults of the Banque de France, which is acting for the French Government. It will be used to stabilise French exchange and otherwise. It is understood the duration of the loan will be one year. The statement does not mention the exact amount of the loan or the rate of interest, but quotes the governor of the Banque as pledging that complete measures will be taken for a better financial situation. — *Reuter's American Service.*

#### U. S. RAIL FREIGHTS DROPPING.

Washington, March 12. The Inter-State Commerce Commission announces that under the new regulations a lower joint freight rate will be authorised on American railroads from May 30th on commodities being transported by American ships, except grain. — *Reuter's American Service.*

#### ANOTHER ENQUIRY.

Washington, March 12. The Senate has ordered an enquiry by a select committee into the administration of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. — *Reuter's American Service.*

#### DEMPSEY CONDESCENDS.

Chicago, March 12. Jack Dempsey announces that he will meet Luis Firpo, the Argentine boxer, in a return match on September 1st. — *Reuter's American Service.*

#### MORE DISGRUNTLED WORKERS.

London Transport Services Involved.

London, March 12. A joint committee of the mining employers and Miners' Federation again discussed the miners' wages demands. The owners definitely offered an increase of the minimum wage to thirty per cent. above 1914, to revise the ratio of proceeds to paid wages and profits, making the proportions 65 and 15 respectively.

A delegate conference of miners to-morrow will consider the offer. The demand by the Transport Workers' Union for an increase of the wages of seventeen thousand London tramwaymen by eight shillings weekly is the subject of critical discussions in London to-day. Strikers action possibly involving busmen and underground railwaymen is threatened failing a settlement. — *Reuter.*

#### A POLITICAL MOVE?

Bomb at British Legation.

Athens, March 12. Following the explosion of a bomb at the entrance to the British Legation early this morning, without any casualties, five dynamite cartridges were found outside the Rumanian Legation, but there had evidently been no time to fire them. The Republican Government believes the bomb was thrown in order to discredit it. — *Reuter.*

Athens, March 12. M. Papanastasiou, the New York Premier, who had just completed his Cabinet, hurried to the British Legation and expressed

### CRUISEES AND SUBMARINES.

#### How The Naval Powers Compare.

London, March 12. In the House of Commons, replying to Lord Curzon, Mr. Ammon stated that the numbers of cruisers and submarines on the effective list of the countries named were as follows:— Britain 48 and 61 respectively; the United States 29 and 115; Japan 23 and 41; France 16 and 43. The numbers on April 1st 1939 would respectively be:— 32 and 31; 10 and 122; 40 and 69. — *Reuter.*

#### AMERICAN VESSEL ABANDONED.

One Lifeboat Picked Up. London, March 12. Lloyd's report that the American steamer Santiago, from Cuba for New York with a cargo of sugar, has been abandoned sixty miles south of Hatteras. One lifeboat containing ten men has been picked up by a Norwegian steamer but there is no trace of the remainder of the crew. — *Reuter.*

#### THE CHURCH AND STATE IN ROME.

Rome, March 12. The report of an agreement between the Pope and the Italian Government is denied in authoritative quarters, though it is pointed out that the relations between the Church and the State are most harmonious. — *Reuter.*

#### FRENCH POLITICAL DISPUTE.

Paris, March 11. The Left parties have decided, if the Government should prorogue the Chamber, instead of having a general election, that all the Left senators and deputies shall resign en bloc and submit their case to the country. — *Reuter.*

#### LORDS WANT TO TAX BETTING.

London, March 12. The House of Lords has passed a resolution by 57 to 15 that taxation on betting is desirable and practicable. Lord Arnold on behalf of the Government opposed the motion. — *Reuter.*

#### ADMIRALTY CHANGES.

London, March 12. Admiral Sir H. Oliver replaces Admiral De Robeck as commander of the Atlantic fleet. Sir Michael Culme Seymour replaces Sir H. Oliver as Second Sea Lord. — *Reuter.*

#### IRISH ARMY ENQUIRY.

London, March 12. In the Dail, Mr. Cosgrave intimated that the executive were appointing a Cabinet committee to enquire into the administration of the army. — *Reuter.*

#### SINGAPORE CONTROVERSY.

London, March 12. Lord Balfour will raise the question of Singapore in the House of Lords on March 13th. — *Reuter.*

#### A GRACIOUS ACCEPTANCE.

Jerusalem, March 12. King Hussein has accepted the Caliphate from the Palestine Moslem delegates. — *Reuter.*

#### MAJOR ASTOR BACK IN HIS SEAT.

London, March 12. Major Astor has been returned unopposed for Dover. — *Reuter.* It will be recalled that Major Astor had to vacate his seat on a technical point, having voted in a division before taking the oath, on his recent return from abroad.

regret for the bomb outrage, which only damaged the marble steps and the door. A number of workmen have been arrested in connection with the affair. — *Reuter.*



## CRICKET NOTES

BY THE "ARMCHAIR" CRITIC



The table of precedence received quite a thorough shuffle on Saturday. The Club were all out for 124 and at one period things looked good for the Civil Service with 60 on the board with but three wickets down. However, those ardent spirits, who considered the matter as good as settled and sheered off, reckoned without their (or, rather, our) Webster. He quickly adjusted matters to his own ideas and even the gallant Ben Evans, who had been putting up a great show, succumbed to his skill x guile x joss.



"BEN"

I find myself indulging in a mild mental speculation on two incidents of the match. How much H.R.B. knew about that last catch, and whether Hammie has recovered from the shock of bowling Tam for a blob.

Probably I am doing 'em both an injustice.

The surge of upheaval spread to the University v. Indians match, where the latter's claims to the leadership were disposed of. I am not vastly surprised, for although the Indian team is solid in rather a dull way they lack the enterprise necessary to assume the position of premier team of the Colony.

Visited Craigengower on Saturday, where the home side were again beaten by the Club "A" team. To judge from the painful exhibition of slow and inferior batting, "Z" would be a more appropriate classifying letter. Thanks to some wonderfully controlled bowling by Donnelly, Skipper Bradbury's lot could only rake together 39. I thought that Fritz's bowling had considerably improved. On the other hand—following the inexorable law—his batting has deteriorated.

In one of our numerous Sunday papers, I observed a very sound and sensible article by a lad who styled himself "Dan" on the subject of the selection of the Interport team which is to do battle with Singapore. He prefaces his remarks with a mild apology which, I think, is rather unnecessary. Everyone has a right to his opinion and constructive criticism of even such an august body as a Selection Committee can bring forth nothing but good unless the aforesaid Committee are fools, in which case the criticism becomes even more necessary.

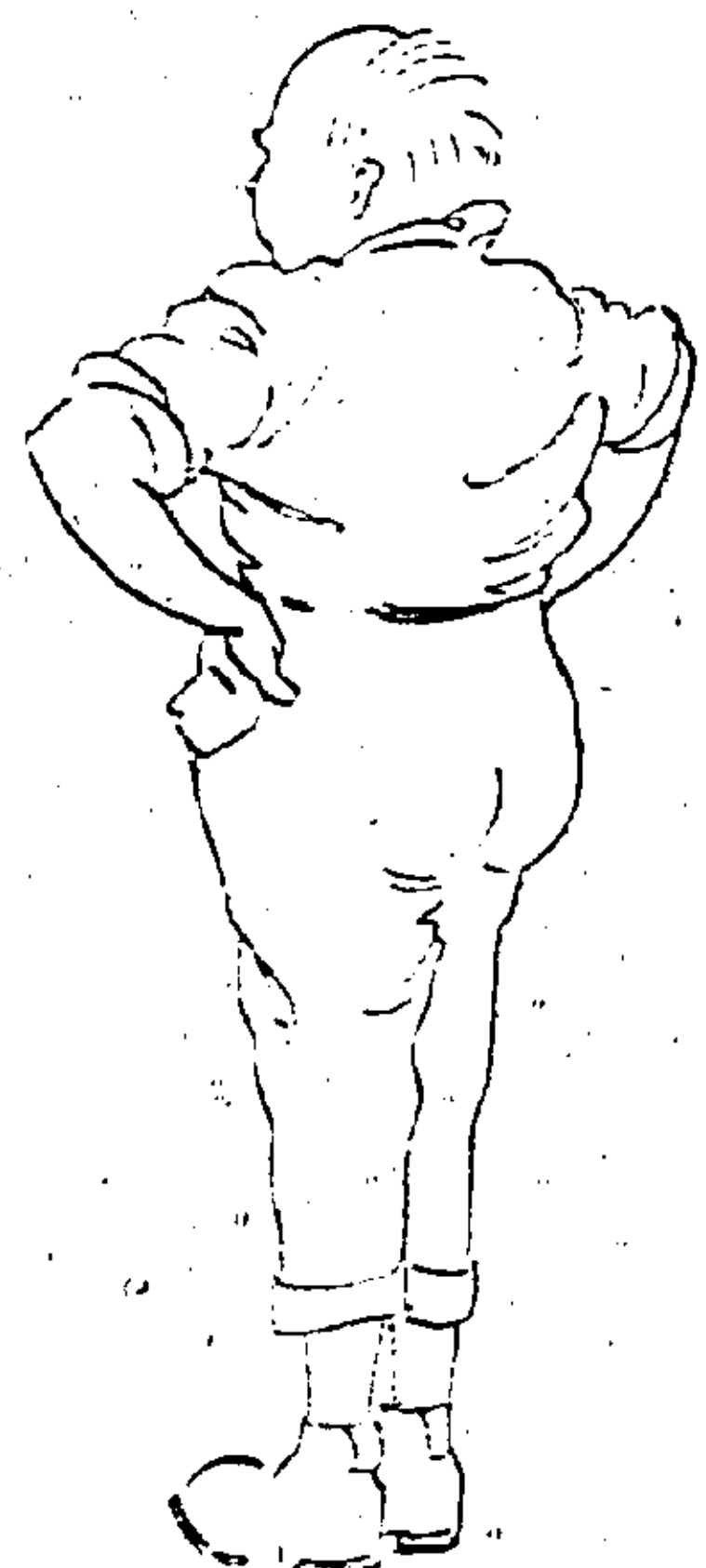
As in all Interports, the team will consist of men, whose qualification for inclusion is partly that they can get away for the event. In earlier days, it was assumed that any man chosen would be able to go, but conditions change: the struggle for existence becomes more intense; and in the present instance I know that the Selection Committee are having a harass-

ing time finding reasonably good men who can afford the time away from business. Under these circumstances, therefore, "Dan's" team will have its ranks sadly thinned.

Neither Hancock nor Pearce can go, and the captaincy seems to pass to Quick. The inclusion of Purcell has rather complicated this delicate question. Many able judges suggest that he should skipper the side, but the desirability of a Service man captaining what is, after all, a civilian team, is a matter open to question. My own opinion is that, despite Purcell's excellent qualifications for the job, Quick should lead the side. He knows the game inside out, and is a jolly good sportsman to boot.

It is on the question of a wicket-keeper that I really fall out with "Dan." L. J. Davies, probably the finest keeper from Shanghai to Singapore (inclusive) is definitely out of cricket this season, and Algy Gace, a very good substitute, will, at the time, be bounding over the ocean blue. This rules out the Club aspirants, as the other two wicket-keepers fall lamentably short of Interport standard.

The Indians, C.R.C., Navy, R.A.M.C., Surrey's R.E.'s, Craigengower and Kowloon may well be forgotten. Which leaves Holdman of the Civil Service and Ponsonby-Fane of the University.



"SKIPPER"

The latter is "Dan's" choice, partly because (as a batsman) "he can make an opposing bowler lose his temper very quickly." Well, we are not engaging in a teeth-grashing, breast-beating, hair-tearing competition with Singapore. On the contrary, we are playing them at cricket; a game into which a certain amount of good fellowship should creep. The object of these contests is to promote friendship between the ports; therefore anything of a jarring or irritating nature must be omitted. Which appears to leave us with Holdman, if he can get away. He is fairly sound behind the stumps, and a stodgy bat, who occasionally makes runs. After all, it is possible that we shall be unable to send a team. If we do, it will be far short of the best we have, and will receive its usual quota of encouragement from the scoffers. But before we become one of these, laddie, recall what a forlorn hope did just ten months ago!

## LOCAL FOOTBALL

## PROSPECTS FOR SATURDAY

[BY "QUIET"]

The matches down for decision on Saturday are:

## SHIELD FINAL

Kowloon v. East Surrey's. H.K.F.C. ground, at 4.15 p.m.

## LEAGUE DIV. II

Iroquois v. Club de Recreo. St. Joseph's ground.

Titania Res. v. Sacred Heart. Navy "B" ground.

S. China "B" v. University. Club ground.

S. China "A" v. St. Joseph's. South China ground.

The final for the Challenge Shield is due to be played this week on the Hongkong F. C. ground. Kowloon, the present champions, meet the Surrey's. These teams have not previously met, as the Kowloon team played the King's in the First Division of the League before the arrival of the Surrey's. The game should be keenly contested, and there is little to choose between the teams. Kowloon had an off day last Saturday in the semi-final game with the R.G.A. and, although winning by four clear goals, did not play the game necessary to carry them through against a team like the Surrey's. In the event of the scores being equal at the end of ninety minutes' play, extra time will be played.

There are no senior games in the League this week. Four games are down for the junior division. The one between the Titania Reserves and Sacred Heart will have a bearing on the Junior Championship, for the sailors are now equal in points with the Surrey's and a win or draw this week will make them winners.

The Club de Recreo will be out against the Iroquois, and the former will try hard to win. They can still equal the Surrey's points. The South China Reserve teams will be out against St. Joseph's and the University respectively. The "B" team will be on the Club ground, and the game will act as curtain-raiser to the senior shield final. The "A" team will be at home to St. Joseph's and the latter should win.

## OBITUARY.

## EUROPEAN LADY'S SAD DEATH.

The greatest sympathy will be felt for Mr. William Jarvis, of the Maritime Customs, in the bereavement he has suffered through the death of his wife early yesterday morning from small-pox, within a month of their wedding. Mrs. Jarvis was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reed of Stratford, and arrived in the Colony as recently as February 22nd, when she was married in the Church of St. Joseph, leaving later for Lanting, where her husband is stationed. Eight days ago the lady fell ill, and was brought to Hongkong, where she entered hospital and her illness was diagnosed as small-pox. Mrs. Jarvis succumbed to the disease about three o'clock yesterday morning. Her death under the circumstances and at the early age of twenty-five, is indeed a sad one.

The funeral took place at the Roman Catholic cemetery at Happy Valley yesterday, the Rev. Father Augustine, who had performed the wedding ceremony a few weeks earlier, officiating at the burial.

## DEATH OF MRS. HERON.

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends will go out to Mr. A. W. Heron, of the Wharf and Godown Company, in the heavy bereavement which he has suffered by the death of his wife, which occurred yesterday after an illness of some six weeks' duration. The deceased lady, who was a daughter of Mr. John Lambert, former Lloyd's Surveyor or here, was first laid up with malaria, then influenza, and pneumonia, together with other complications set in, and she passed away yesterday.

Mrs. Heron was very well known in Hongkong, and she will be missed by many residents, for she was of a very bright and cheery disposition. Besides the bereaved husband, there are two children left, for whom much sympathy will be felt.

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## TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY. HARBOUR OFFENCE

## THE RULE OF ROAD.

There were two cases heard by the Marine Magistrate (Lieut. Com. Conway Hake, R.N.R.) this morning, in which coxswains were charged with failing to observe the rule of the road. In one case, Ip Yau-chi, coxswain of the steam launch Tai Yik Lee, was charged with an offence on March 7th., which resulted in a collision with a police launch. Evidence was given which showed that at 7.30 p.m., No. 8 police launch was on its way to the Railway Pier, when it sighted a launch on its port bow. The coxswain of the police launch blew one blast, indicating that it was passing to starboard, but no answer was given. The approaching launch held on its course and a collision was unavoidable, although the coxswain of the police launch put his engines full astern. The collision damaged the police launch to the extent of \$35.

The defendant gave his explanation of the affair, but his Worship convicted and, as it was defendant's first offence, imposed a fine of \$10.

Another coxswain of the same launch, named Chiu Chi-shing, was charged with failing to observe the rule of the road on February 25th.

It was stated by the police that owing to the launch being on the wrong side of the southern fairway a Canton passenger steamer was delayed in backing out from her wharf. There was no collision.

In this case, his Worship found that the launch was in fault, as it should have held to the starboard side of the fairway. In view of the fact that the coxswain was a young man and had a clean record, he was only cautioned.

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## KELVIN CENTENARY.

The Royal Society has convened a committee representative of many scientific and educational institutions, to arrange a fitting celebration of the centenary of Lord Kelvin's birth. Kelvin was born on June 26, 1824; but, as a large number of Dominion, American, and foreign men of science and engineers will be attending conferences at the British Empire Exhibition, July 10 and 11 have been selected as convenient dates for the celebration.



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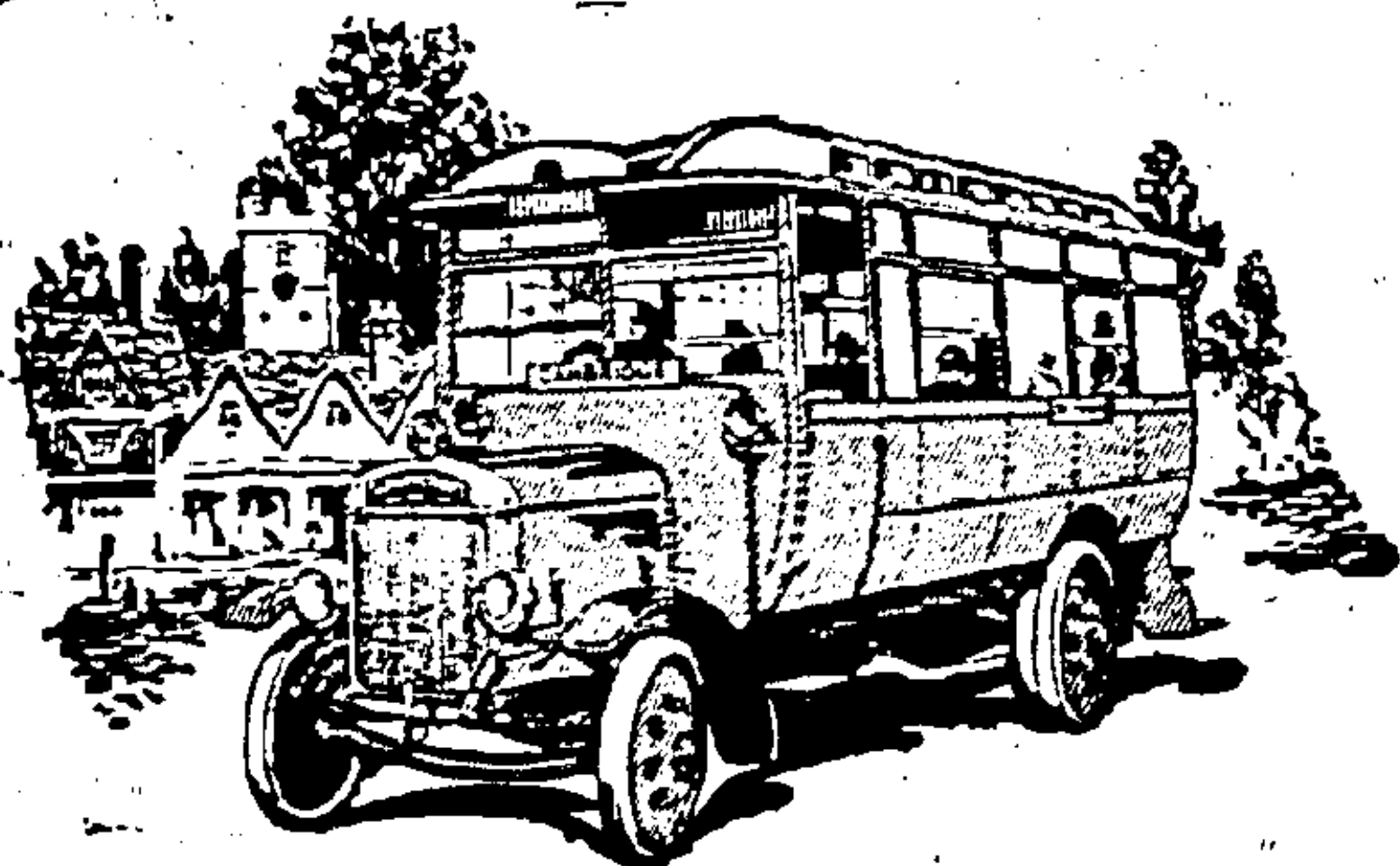
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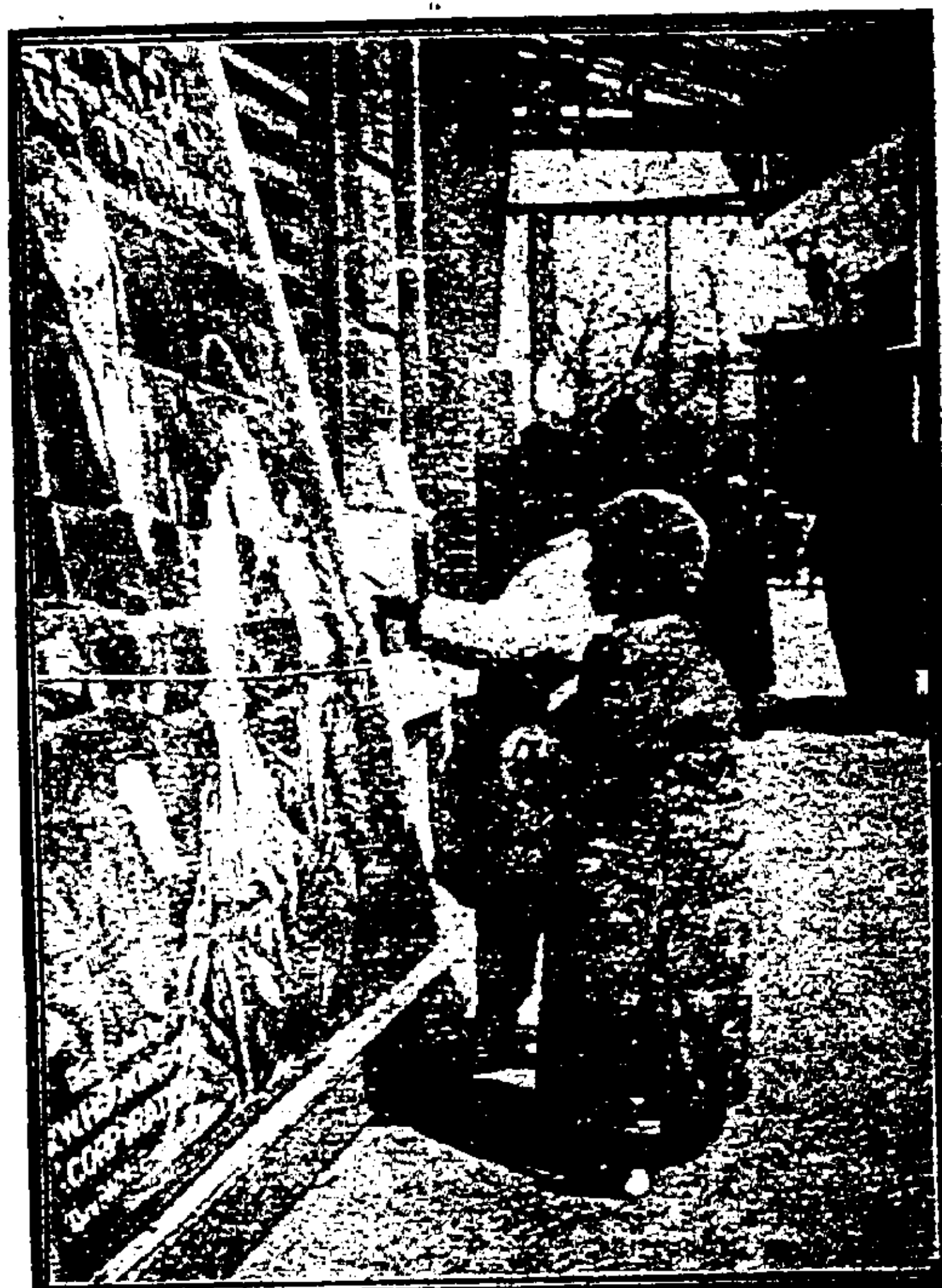
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# CAMERA NEWS.



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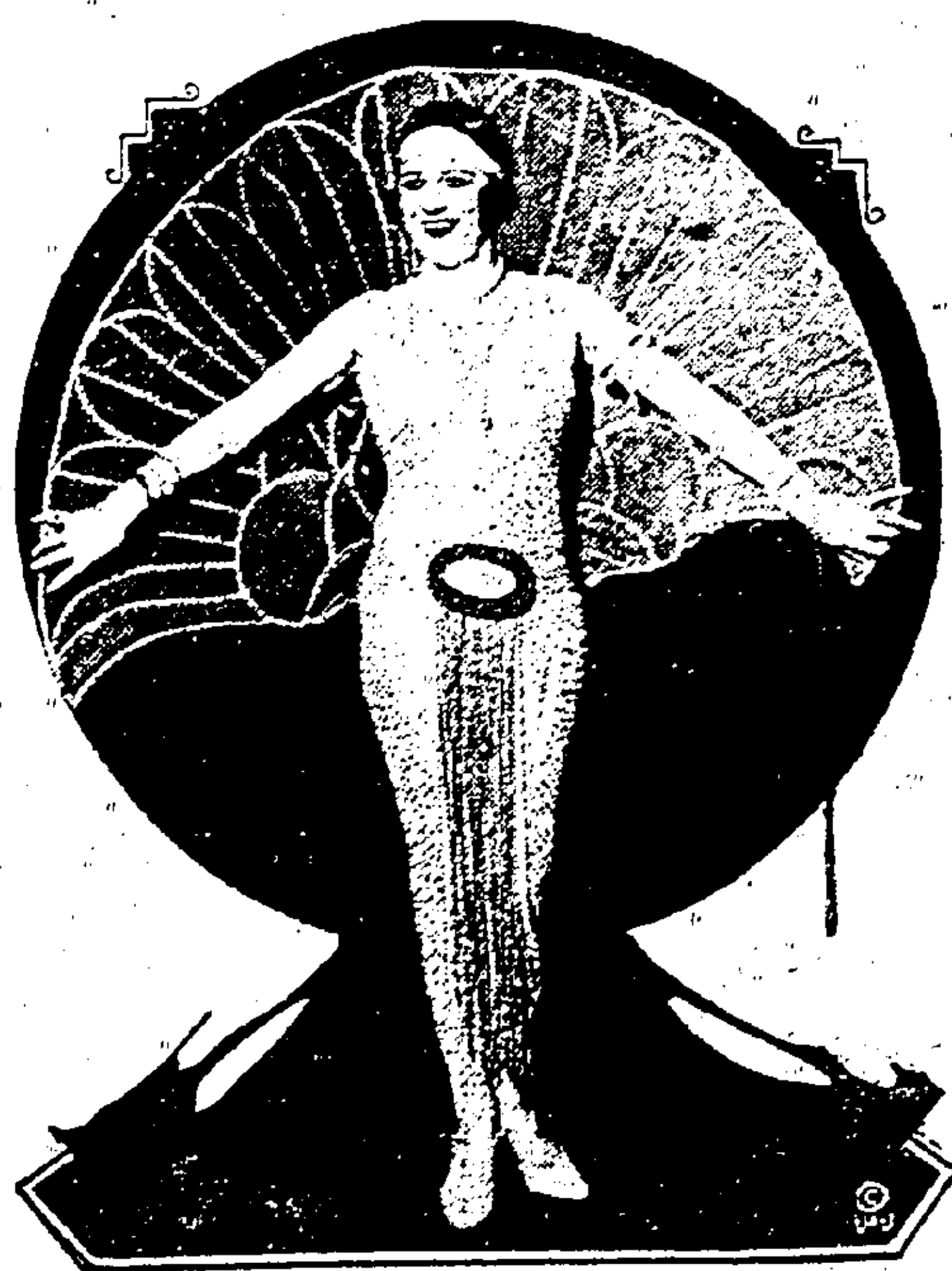
This picture was taken outside a foreign cinema theatre in Shanghai. Whether they understand it or not, we see in these two youngsters the makings of ardent cinemagoers ready to laugh with Charlie Chaplin, cry with Constance Talmadge, and gasp at the mad feats of Douglas Fairbanks.



Mrs. Hanoum Bombachi, the woman commander of the 30th Regiment of Turkish cavalry. Snapped in Constantinople.



Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and his two daughters, Isabel (left) and Jean. Miss Isabel is the official hostess in the home of the Labour Premier. This is their latest picture.



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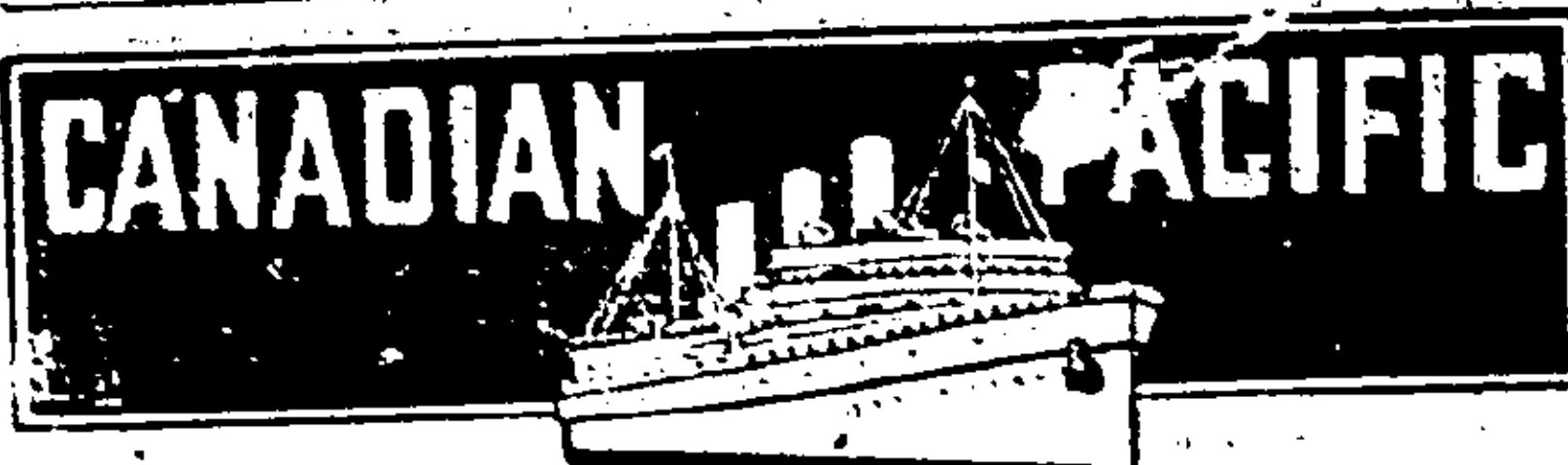
Mrs. Hykes, wife of the late Dr. John R. Hykes, veteran missionary of China, who passed away at the residence of her son, Mr. Edgar R. Hykes, at Chengchowfu. Mrs. Hykes during her half century in China spent many years in Shanghai, where she was an active and beloved figure, serving at one time as President of the American Women's Club.







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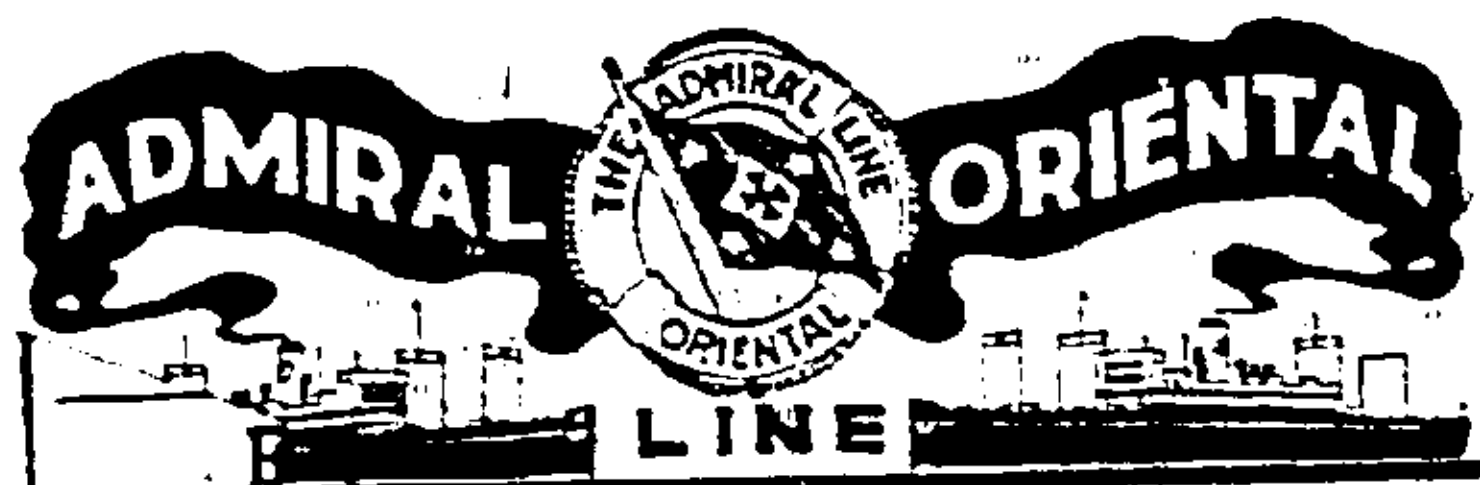
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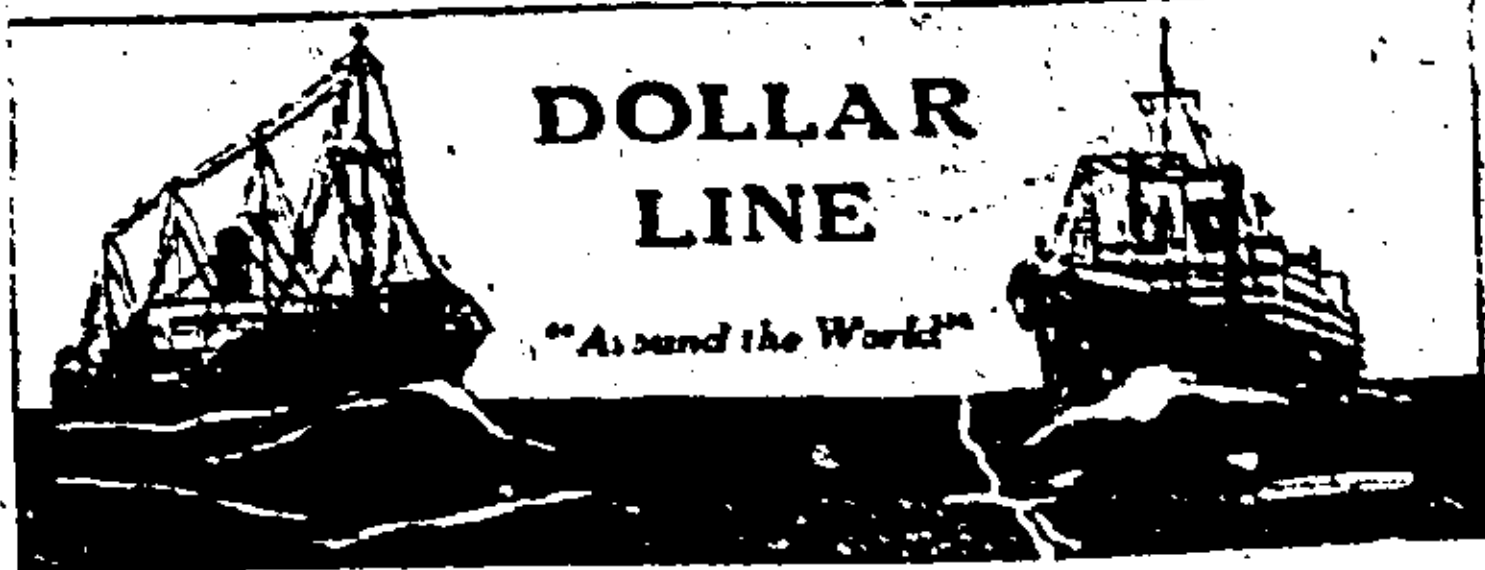
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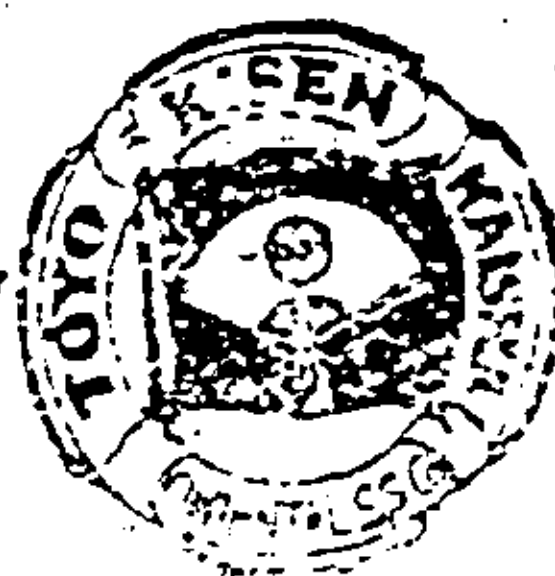
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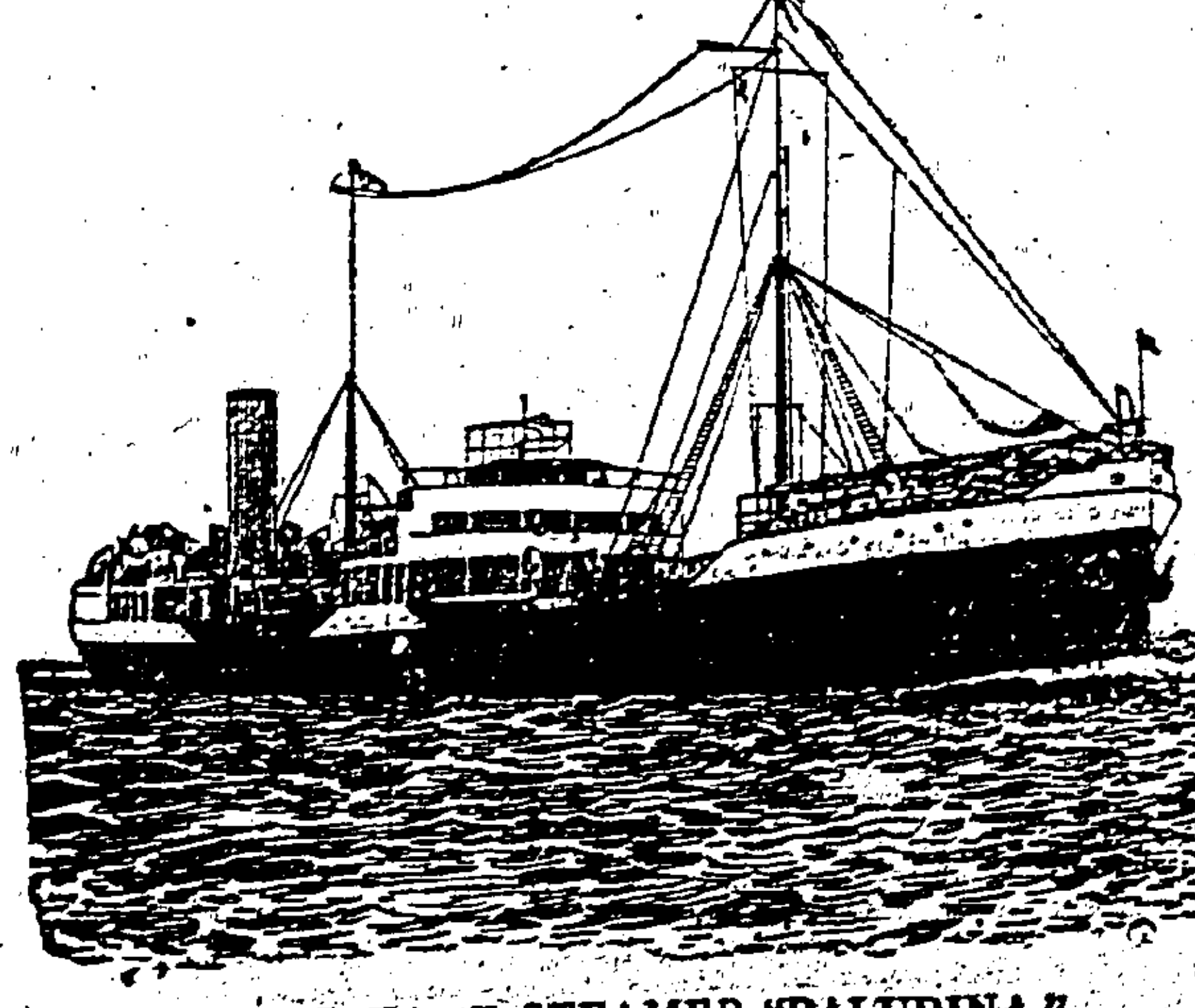
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NALDERA	15,993	22 Mar. noon	B'bay, M'les, L'don, A'werp
SICILIA	6,813	23th Mar.	S'pore, Pang, Cbo & B'bay
JEYPORE	5,319	3rd Apr.	S'pore, Pang, Cbo & B'bay
KHYBER	9,014	5th Apr.	M'les, London & Antwerp
NELLORE	6,853	11th Apr.	M'les, London & Antwerp
LAHORE	5,252	11th Apr.	Singapore & Bombay
PADUA	5,907	12th Apr.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
CHINA	7,952	19th Apr.	M'les, London & Antwerp
SOUDAN	6,696	25th Apr.	S'pore, Pang, Cbo & B'bay

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GLENHARRY	17th Apr.	London, Rotterdam & H'burg	
GLENAMORY	4th May	GLENOGLE	22nd Apr.
GLENAPP	15th May	Genoa, L'don, R'dam & H'burg	

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Mail Steamers	Next Sailings from Marseilles	Pro. arr. at Hong-kong and Sailing for	Pro. Sailing from Hong-kong for M'les
CHILI	—	—	16th Mar.
PORTHOS	—	—	30th Mar.
AMAZONE	—	—	13th April
ANGKOR	21st Feb.	24th Mar.	27th April
CHAMBOARD	6th Mar.	7th Apr.	11th May
PAUL LECAT	20th Mar.	21st Apr.	19th May

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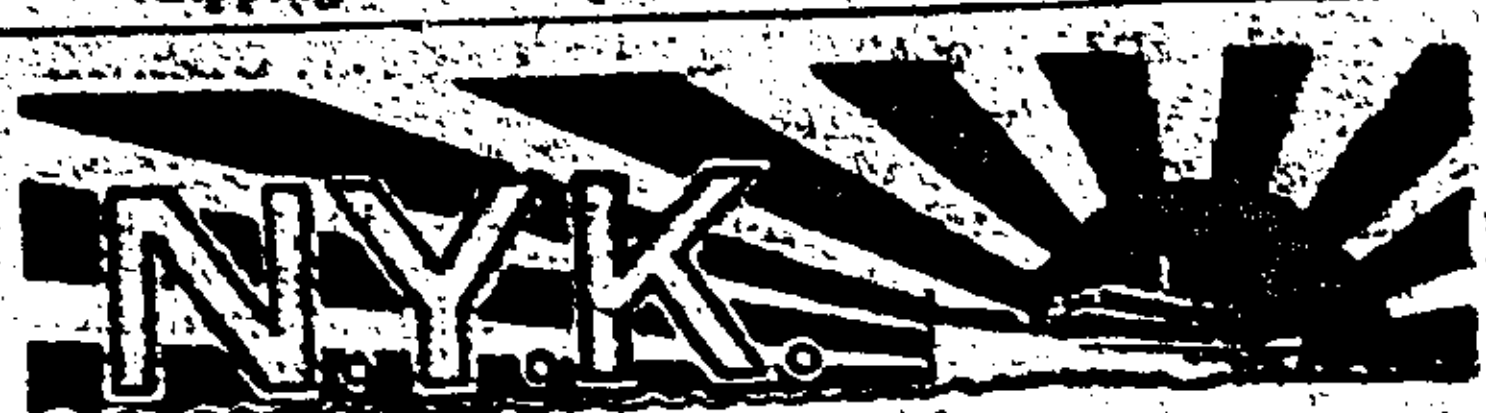
S.S. "YALOU" loading for Marseilles; Havre, Antwerp and Dunkirk about 24th Mar.

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HAKUSAN MARU ... Wednesday, 19th Mar. at 11 a.m.

KITANO MARU ... Wednesday, 26th Mar.

HAMBURG via LONDON &amp; ROTTERDAM.

MATSUYE MARU ... End of March.

LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES &amp; VALENCIA.

DELACOA MARU ... Friday, 14th March.

SYDNEY &amp; MELBOURNE via Manila, &amp;c.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 19th Mar. at 11 a.m.

YOSHINO MARU ... Wednesday, 16th Apr.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

LISBON MARU ... Saturday, 22nd Mar.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban &amp; Cape Town.

KANAGAWA MARU ... Tuesday, 8th May.

BOMBAY via Singapore &amp; Colombo.

PENANG MARU ... Saturday, 15th Mar.

TANBA MARU ... Saturday, 22nd Mar.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang &amp; Rangoon.

TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Sunday, 23rd Mar.

AWA MARU ... Monday, 31st Mar.

NAGASAKI, KOBE &amp; YOKOHAMA.

YOSHINO MARU ... Thursday, 13th Mar.

SHANGHAI, KOBE &amp; YOKOHAMA.

TAJIMA MARU ... Saturday, 15th Mar.

MATSUMOTO MARU ... Monday, 17th Mar.

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Destination.	Steamer.	Sailings.
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STRAITS & Calcutta ..... Hosang	Sat.	15th Mar. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Kwongsang	Sun.	16th Mar. at 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow Leesang	Sun.	16th Mar. at 10 a.m.
TIENSIN ..... Cheongshing	Tues.	18th Mar. at noon.
BANGKOK via Swatow Chaksang	Tues.	18th Mar. at 4 p.m.
TTAO via S'tow & S'hai Taksang	Wed.	19th Mar. at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Loksang	Tues.	25th Mar. at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta ..... Namsang	Thurs.	20th Mar. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Wingsang	Fri.	21st Mar. at 8 a.m.
SANDAKAN ..... Mausang	Sat.	23rd Mar. at 1 p.m.
KOBE ..... Kutsang	Thurs.	10th Apr. at 4 p.m.

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Chitajap	J. & B'ka	17th Mar.	—	Saigon
Chitapanas	J. & B'ka	17th Mar.	—	Hanoi
Sawah Luento Bangkok	17th Mar.	23rd Mar.	—	Shanghai
Chitondari	Batavia	19th Mar.	23rd Mar.	Shanghai & Dalny
Chitobada	Shanghai	20th Mar.	22nd Mar.	Batavia
Chitadak	M. B. Papan	27th Mar.	29th Mar.	Japan
Chiternbang	N. China	—	24th Mar.	Batavia
Chitwong	M. B. Papan	31st Mar.	2nd Apr.	Shanghai

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No claims will be admitted

after the goods have left the go-

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will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer

must be presented to the Under-

signed on or before the 26th

inst. or they will not be re-

cognised.

All broken, chafed and damag-

ed goods are to be left in the go-

dowens where they will be exam-

ined on the 12th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been

effected.

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Office of the Company, 2 Queen's  
Buildings, Hongkong, on Thurs-  
day, the 20th. March 1924, at  
noon, for consideration of the  
Directors' Report and Statement  
of Accounts for the year ending  
31st. December 1923.

The Share Register and Trans-  
fer Books will be closed from the  
8th to the 20th March 1924 (both  
days inclusive).  
By Order of the Board of  
Directors.

F. M. DYER,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, 4th March 1924.

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Hongkong, Mar., 13th. 1924.

## MILITARY LANDS.

## TO-DAY'S DEBATE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holroyd  
said it was the unanimous opin-  
ion of the Unofficial Members  
that the figures of the award  
were unwarrantably high—very  
much higher than the Colony  
should be called upon to pay. At  
the same time, they could not  
wish the application of the award  
to be unduly delayed. On behalf  
of the Chamber of Commerce he  
wished to say that they desired  
the matter settled once and for  
all.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall,  
on behalf of the Chinese members  
of the Council, the Chamber of  
Commerce and the Chinese com-  
munity generally, said that whilst  
they agreed that the award  
should be accepted, they thought  
that strong representations should  
be made with a view to obtaining  
some alleviation on the grounds  
of ordinary fairness and equity  
which the Chinese community  
did expect from the Home Gov-  
ernment.

The Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe sup-  
ported the resolution, saying it  
was obvious that they could not  
get the lands back for nothing,  
and he thought that in time the  
Colony would get its money back  
with interest. It was no hard-  
ship now to part with the money  
which the majority of the Coun-  
cil had insisted in hoarding up  
for many years—perhaps looking  
after their children and not after  
those of this day—(Laughter).  
He thought they should repro-  
vision the Garrison on a larger  
and better scale than now. He  
concluded by saying that if there  
was any truth in the statement  
that what one lost in honesty was  
got back by strategy, then he  
hoped that Mr. Pollock would live  
to win.

H. E. the Governor expressed  
agreement with practically  
everything Mr. Pollock had  
said, but said he had to look at  
the matter from a different angle.  
He did not pretend to believe  
otherwise than that the War  
Office had driven a very hard  
bargain and he would transmit to  
the Secretary of State what had  
been said regarding the possibili-  
ty of getting a reduction. At the  
same time he did not think there  
was much to be gained by that  
course. The War Office for years  
had been in possession of land  
which the Colony must have.

They could not evict them by  
force and the question was—  
"How much is it worth our-  
selves to pay to relieve our-  
selves of this incubus which  
is blocking the prosperity of the  
Colony?" The price asked for  
was, in his opinion, an exception-  
ally high one, but Sir John  
Oakley might know better  
than he did. His Excellency  
went on to explain that  
there was some misunderstanding  
regarding the money in-  
volved. The Colony had under-  
taken to re-provision the Garri-  
son and if the new buildings,  
etc., could be provided for ten  
million dollars, the balance  
would remain in a debit account  
to be drawn upon by the mili-  
tary as required. He did not  
think they need have much fear  
of the future, because if the  
Garrison remained where it was  
and it was found desirable to  
increase the accommodation,  
the Colony would have to  
pay for such increase. They  
could not expect the Home  
taxpayer to pay for the increase.  
The money would be expended  
in the Colony for the good of the  
Colony. He thought they were  
paying too much, but that it  
would be wise to pay. He  
did not think there would be  
much difficulty in financing that  
rather large scheme but if there  
was he would suggest that  
they raise money by short term  
bills which would mature at the  
time they expected to raise money  
by the sale of the land. He as-  
sured the Council that in his  
patches he had put the Colony's  
case forcibly before His Majesty's  
Government. He was strongly of  
opinion that the bargain was one  
which the Colony ought to accept.

H. E. the Governor, Com-  
manding addressed the Council  
on the various points raised, after  
which the resolution was un-  
animously agreed to.

## CORRECT SOMETIMES.

Old Moore's almanac, publish-  
ed in December, contained a re-  
markable prediction of the strike.  
The forecast of events in January  
included the following:—"Rail-  
way troubles will occur about  
the 21st." The strike actually  
began on January 21.

## LAWN TENNIS.

## YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

Competition was keen and  
rivalry great in yesterday's  
Championship matches. A busy  
evening of the popular game of  
tennis was spent and the specta-  
tors present were rewarded with  
seeing play of a high standard in  
most of the matches.

Great interest was taken in the  
contest between T. Honda, the  
strongest nominee from the Japa-  
nese, and T. Lay, last year's  
runnerup. A good crowd saw  
the game from beginning to end  
and watched Honda beat Lay  
in convincing style by three  
sets to love. Honda gave  
a good account of himself. He  
has a pretty service that is both  
nice to watch and effective, and  
he plays in the usual style of his  
nationals, possessing a strong  
forehand drive and a formidable  
backhand stroke. His net play  
is very cleverly executed and it  
was there that he showed him-  
self better than Lay. On the  
whole, he is a hard man to beat  
and our champion, who will in  
all probability meet him in the  
fourth round, will have to con-  
sider him seriously.

Lay started very well  
yesterday, snatching the first  
game out of Honda's  
service, and followed up by  
leading 3-1, 4-3. His backhand  
drives and placing put Honda off  
a lot, but he was up against a  
better man. Honda gradually  
got into his game and secured  
the next four games and the first  
set 6-4. In the second set,  
Honda showed his supremacy  
and put in many shots that beat  
Lay. He won this set 6-2. The  
third set started very even. Lay,  
although apparently beaten and  
slightly nervous, played his usual  
good game and managed to bring  
the score to two all before allow-  
ing his opponent to run away.  
If he had changed his method of  
play by following up his drives  
he might have done better.  
Honda won the third set 6-3.

A. A. Rumjahn signalled his  
re-entry into the championship  
tournament by defeating S. D.  
Ismail by three sets to one.  
Playing an allround game,  
Rumjahn seemed confident of  
winning. His backhand strokes  
and chops came in for a lot of  
use, but his service was weak  
and he should try to improve it.  
S. D. Ismail played well and  
directed his game from the  
baseline.

S. H. Ismail is to be congrat-  
ulated on his win over F. A.  
Redmond in the third match  
of the Open Singles, played  
off yesterday. The game  
went to the full five sets before a  
decision could be reached. On  
the run of play, Ismail deserved  
to win. He played a steady game  
and although his strokes were  
not strong, his cutting and plac-  
ing were very accurate. Redmond  
on the other hand, was in-  
consistent. At times he won a good  
many points by his brilliant play  
and at others he was off his game.  
Perhaps if he had stayed behind  
more instead of trying to force  
the game at the net, the decision  
might have been in his  
favour. Ismail won the first two  
sets only to see Redmond equal-  
ise. The final set was played  
under falling light. Ismail secured  
the lead at 4-1 and eventually won  
by 6 games to 3.

R. J. Saunders, an old hand in  
the game, whom many old play-  
ers will remember, met and  
defeated A. H. Crook, another  
old player, by three sets in the  
first round of the Club Cham-  
pionship. He is the most likely  
man to meet Worthington in the  
final.

Yesterday's results were—  
Open Singles—S. H. Ismail beat  
F. A. Redmond 6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.  
T. Honda beat T. Lay 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.  
A. A. Rumjahn beat S. D. Ismail  
4-6, 9-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Open Doubles—R. Henderson and  
A. Brerley beat A. and J. Hum-  
phreys 5-7, 6-4, 6-1, 7-5. Yew Man-  
kai and Yew Man-ki beat H.  
Remington and W. Nowers 7-5, 6-2,  
6-3.

Club Championship Singles—R.  
Saunders beat A. H. Crook 6-2, 6-4,  
6-1.

Handicap Singles—"A"—D. J.  
Allfree (2/6) beat G. G. Franklin (1/5)  
6-3, 1-6, 6-4.  
Handicap Doubles—L. Forster  
and G. Aubrey (ows 2/6) beat J.  
Nikkels and G. de Man (1/5) 6-3, 6-4,  
6-2. W. Hattersley Smith and B.  
A. Hill (ows 2/6) beat H. Gandy and  
J. Smalley (1/5) 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Today's Matches.  
The matches arranged for to-day  
are—

Gillow v. Green, Open Singles;  
Lammert v. Mitchell, handicap  
singles; B. Grayburn and Carr v.  
Barlingham and Perdon, and Dea

## HOCKEY.

## CLUB V. GRENADIERS.

The East Surreys being unable  
to fulfil their fixture yesterday  
with the Club, their place was  
taken by the Grenadiers and an-  
other fast game took place. The  
Grenadiers were the first to  
score. A hot shot was sent in and  
Mills cleared, but Dadds got to  
the ball and scored. Not long  
after, Woodward went through  
on his own and equalised, and  
then Evans put the Club ahead  
securing the ball about half way  
he put in a characteristically  
clever run before scoring a fine  
goal after the Grenadier goal-  
keeper had cleared his first shot.  
In the early part of the second  
half, the Grenadiers drew level  
and then went one ahead, but  
More scored for the Club and  
with the score level the game  
finished. For the Club, Evans  
and Woodward were the pick of  
the forwards, and among the  
Grenadiers, Newton King and  
Dadds were outstanding and gave  
the Club defence a lot to do, they  
frequently outpacing the Club  
backs. Result:—Club 3; Gren-  
adiers 3.

CLUB SECOND V. NAVY "A."  
At the New Ground, Kowloon,  
an evenly contested game took  
place between the above teams.  
The Club were early aggres-  
sive and exerted continuous  
pressure for some time. Lyon on  
the right wing was extremely  
good and had bad luck in shooting  
over the Navy goal in the course  
of a melee.

The Navy now attacked and  
after several attempts succeeded  
in getting a goal. From a run  
down the right wing, the ball  
went across to a bunch of their  
forwards who were waiting, and  
McIntyre scored with a shot that  
gave the Club goalkeeper, but  
little chance.

The Navy began the second  
half by attacking, but the Club  
retaliated and from a centre by  
Lyon, Meacock scored. For the  
rest of the game, the  
Club had perhaps a little the  
advantage but did not get any  
more goals though they were  
very near to it, when, after an  
excellent passing movement, the  
ball went right across their  
forward line from left to right,  
only for Lyon to have bad luck  
in putting outside.

In the Club forward line,  
Meacock and Lyon were out-  
standing and in the defence  
Evans at centre-half was good  
and Edmonds and Piercy were  
very safe at back. Result: Club  
Second 1; Navy "A" 1.

## CRICKET.

The K.C.C. 1st XI against the  
Navy at Kowloon will be—  
R. E. Lindell (Capt), R. Pestonji,  
A. W. Ramsay, S. Jex, H. G.  
Wallington, J. C. Fletcher, P. V.  
Howell, L. A. R. Duncan, R.  
Earnshaw, C. Earnshaw and  
A. W. Summers.

The K.C.C. 2nd XI against the  
Hongkong Cricket Club on the  
H.K.C.C. Ground will be—H.  
Overy (Capt.), A. O. Brown,  
A. R. F. Raven, O. B. Raven,  
W. L. Weaver, A. J. Kew, B.  
B. Petheram, E. J. Edwards, D. S.  
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